

Should Americans be required to perform two years of military service? Americans should not. Many Americans are not mentally or physically capable. Also, Americans <sup>would</sup> ~~will~~ not be as willing to serve if they ~~were~~ forced. Most importantly, the bases of our country is freedom and requirement to serve would go against what America was founded on.

First, some people are just not fit to be in the military. For many Americans the pressure ~~that war~~ of war would be too hard to mentally handle. For example, there are some Veterans and soldiers who are suffering from depression because of all the stress war <sup>has put</sup> ~~puts~~ on them. ~~Some one I can not~~ <sup>It is hard to</sup> imagine the affects it would have on some one that was being forced to serve.

Secondly, Americans will not be as willing to serve if they are forced. When a child is told they have to clean their room they often throw a tantrum. However if the child is not harrassed ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> may choose to clean it on his own time. It works the same way with requiring military service. It should be on a volunteer bases.

Finally, the bases of our Great country is freedom. If Americans were forced to serve it wouldn't be free and, our founding fathers would not agree with it. ~~Also~~ Also, the great State of Tennessee is known as the Volunteer State. If military service was required we may not only lose the Knick name but also our wonderfull heritage.

In conclusion, required service is a bad idea. Some

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Americans are not able. Also, Americans would become defiant if they were forced. Lastly, our country was founded on freedom. Requirement to serve in the United States military just doesn't fit our standards.

### Score Point: 4

This response reflects proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer clearly states that Americans should not be required to perform two years of military service. Three key ideas are cited to support this position (many Americans are not mentally or physically capable; Americans will not be as willing to serve if they are forced; mandatory military service is contrary to the freedom our country was founded on). The response is competently organized and adequately developed. Further development and illustration of the key ideas would be required for a higher score.